

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4-15 and 17-22 are pending. Claims 3 and 16 have been cancelled. New claims 21 and 22 have been presented for examination. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2 and 4-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,491,784 to Douglas et al. Claims 15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas et al., as applied to claims 1-2 and 4-14, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,590,038 to Pitroda. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-2, 4-15 and 17-22 as amended are believed to be allowable over the cited art. In particular, the software objects of Douglas do not include persistent links, in addition to other claim elements.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 953-5990 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No additional fee is believed to be due. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Jackson Walker L.L.P. No. 10-0096.

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